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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Richard L. Palinkas

Title: SIDE BEARING PAD

Serial No.: 09/407,053

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) Ex: B. Pezzlo
) Group Art Unit: 3613
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) (Our Docket No. 6350-05)

Hartford, Connecticut, January 22, 2001

BOX: NON-FEE AMENDMENT
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

~~In~~ response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2000, please amend
 the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1

1. ~~(Amended)~~ A bearing pad assembly comprising:
 a first housing having an exterior surface and defining a bore
 extending at least part-way through said first housing;
 a first load bearing member coupled to said first housing, and defining

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